

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Into the World and Out.

Into the world he looked with sweet surprise.
The children laughed so when they saw his eyes.
Into the world a rosy hand in doubt
He reached; a pale hand took the rosebud out.
"And that was all—quite all?" No, surely!
The children cried so when his eyes were shut.

DEATHS.
Death is the one comfort, true and tried;
The goal of life, the hope we last retained.
Which, like some rare elixir, charms our pain
And hushes us to march till eventide;
The streaks of morning which the clouds divide
Awhirl the tempest, snow, and driving rain;
The inn toward which the way-worn travelers strain,
Certain to find rest there, whatever be the tide.

An angel holding in his sovereign hand
Shed, and the guerdon of celestial dreams,
That smooths the couch and shuts the weary eyes;
The prisoner's key; the leper's healing streams;
The beggar's purse; the exile's fatherland;
The open portico to unknown skies.

—Baudelaire, Fleurs du Mal.

Mr. Jenkins to Leave.

The friends of Mr. William Jenkins, organist and choir director of Monumental Church, will be sorry to hear that he has definitely decided to leave Richmond, at the expiration of his contract. His plans are as yet not fully made, but he will probably leave the city in the late summer.

Musical circles of Richmond will sustain a loss by his departure, as he has done much toward the development of the highest musical sense in his pupils and choir. His exquisite music has attracted large crowds to Monumental Church, many of whom often linger after services on Sunday afternoon to enjoy the music.

To Attend the Carnival.

The following organizations of the city are invited to attend in a body, the Floral Carnival at the Masonic Temple: On Thursday, April 19th, the Richmond Blues; April 20th, the Knights of Columbus; April 21st, Elks; April 22d, Knights of Pythias; April 23d, Confederate Veterans and Sons of Veterans; April 24th, Masonic orders; April 25th, Richmond Howlers; April 26th, Richmond College students; April 27th, Medical College of Virginia; May 1st, University College of Medicine.

Duce—Newheiser.

Mrs. Frank Newheiser announces the engagement of her daughter, Florence Jeanette, to Mr. Henry Albert Duce, of Baltimore. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Father Joseph Magri, in the home of the bride, No. 211 Governor Street, on Thursday, April 19th, at high noon.

Miss Newheiser is a beautiful blonde and is very popular in Richmond society.

Fancy Dress Ball.
On Friday evening, April 20th, the students of the Richmond Art Club will give a fancy dress ball. Only once a year, at its annual ball, is society permitted by the club to invade its Bohemian quarters. The Friday night celebration is an annual affair for the season, and the students are going to outdo themselves in order that this ball may be an enjoyable success for themselves and their guests. Invitations may be gotten from the students by their friends.

Invitations Issued.

Colonel and Mrs. Alexander Cameron have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Flora Cameron, to Mr. George Zinn, of Orange county. The ceremony will take place Thursday, April 19th, in the bride's home, No. 61 East Franklin street, at 12 o'clock. The bride will be followed by a breakfast. Later Mr. Zinn and his bride will leave for the North.

Hardy—Cralle.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Cralle have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Frances Randolph, to Mr. Richard B. Hardy. The marriage will take place at the home of the bride, Blackstone, Va., Thursday, April 26th.

Personal Mention.

Misses Virginia Blanford and Corinne Norment are spending Easter with Miss Mary Hawes Tyler, of Gwathmey, Va.

Mrs. Patterson F. Gallher and Miss Lucy Boyd, of Redsville, N. C., who have been the guests of their sister, Mrs. Birdie Boyd Mason, of No. 72 East Franklin street, left last morning for New York, where they will spend a month.

Misses G. D. Baker, J. M. Bell and J. L. Busong, of Manassas, Va., will attend the State Council meeting of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics in this city on April 17th.

Miss Nora Willis, of the musical department of the Woman's College, is spending the Easter holidays at her home in Fredericksburg.

The Misses Kindwell will give their Easter Garden on Tuesday evening, April 17th, from 9 to 12 o'clock, at Belvidere Hall.

A string band will furnish the music.

The Post-Lenten Assembly German to be given at the Chamberlin Hotel, Old Point, Friday evening next, will be a very brilliant affair. Mr. J. A. Massie will lead and the Fortess Monroe band will furnish the music.

Misses Victor Williams and Murat Williams, have been recent guests at "Woodlawn," in Orange county.

Miss Maude Blanton is quite sick at her home, No. 315 North Fourth Street.

The Roanoke German Club and the Sigma Alphas, of Roanoke, are making ready for their Easter dances this week.

Cards are out announcing the engagement of Miss Julia Wharton Jackson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Jackson, of Front Royal, to the Rev. Amos Cleary. The couple will reside in

Poems You Ought to Know

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

No. 804.

THE WHITE MOTH

By A. T. QUILLER-COUCH.

The biographical sketch of Quiller-Couch has already appeared in this series in the other selections from his writings.

If a leaf rustled, she would start;
And yet she died, a year ago.
How had so frail a thing the heart
To journey where she trembled so?
And they turn and turn in flight,
Those little feet, in so much night?

The light above the poet's head
Streamed on the page and on the cloth.
And twice and thrice there buffeted
On the black pane a white-winged moth:
'Twas Annie's soul that beat outside
And "Open, open, open!" cried:

"I could not find the way to God;
There were too many flaming suns
For sign-posts, and the fearful road
Led over wastes where millions
Of tangled comets hissed and burned—
I was bewildered and I turned.

"Oh! it was easy then. I knew
Your window and no star beside.
Look up, and take me back to you!"
—He rose and thrust the window wide.
'Twas but because his brain was hot
With rhyming; for he heard her not.

But poets polishing a phrase
Show anger over trivial things;
And as she blundered in the blaze
Towards him, on ecstatic wings,
He raised a hand and smote her dead;
Then wrote, "That I had died instead!"

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Bristol, Tenn., where Mr. Cleary has recently accepted a charge.

Miss Margaretta Wise, of New York City, is spending Easter with Miss Mary Dabney, of Charlottesville, Va.

Mr. F. W. Scott, is having a fine graded driveway built from Atton to the house, his beautiful summer home in Albemarle county.

General James Macgill, commanding the second brigade, U. S. V., has appointed Miss Jean Watson, of Roanoke, sponsor to the New Orleans Confederate reunion, April 25th, 26th. Her mail of honor, will be Miss Stone, of Wytheville.

Mrs. Morgan, of New York, formerly Miss Lella Myers, is the guest of relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. Waller Morton is visiting her mother, Mrs. David McIntosh, in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Saunders, Jr., have returned from a delightful trip to Cuba. Mr. Saunders' health is much improved.

Mrs. Luckadoe, of Lynchburg, who has been the guest of Mrs. Q. Way Allen, has left for home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Williams have gone to Canada to attend some of the brilliant functions at the Government House in Ottawa.

Mrs. and Mrs. Benahan Cameron, of Raleigh, N. C., are at the Jefferson Hotel for Easter week.

Miss Dorothy Christian is to be one of the hostesses of the younger Richmond set, who have their engagement lists filed for the "Easter week."

Miss Emily Vaddell will spend the Easter season with friends at Annapolis, Md.

Mrs. J. Mason Miller has returned from Old Point, to spend Easter week at her home in Richmond.

MILFORD AFFAIRS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MILFORD, Va., April 15.—Miss Bessie Coghill and her friend, Mrs. Powers, of Mooreman's River, Va., are visiting Mrs. W. G. Coghill.

Mrs. James T. Richards, of Bowling Green, who has been extremely ill for more than a week, is reported as being somewhat better.

Mrs. Louise Gill and daughter are visiting Mrs. Russell Blank on West Broad Street, Richmond.

Mr. Oscar L. Cash arrived here last night from Palouse, Washington, and will be buried to-day near Port Royal.

Miss Jessie Lynn is visiting Miss Simpkins, near Hanover Courthouse.

Misses Victor Williams and Rufus Williams, of Richmond, are canvassing this section in interest of the leaf tobacco trade.

V. D. Lucy is visiting at Brooke, Stafford county.

Mr. Eli Nussey will spend Sunday at Summit.

Mrs. James A. Scott, of Fredericksburg, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Copley yesterday.

Miss Elizabeth Lee, of Gloucester, is spending the week at "Mount Airy."

Mr. George H. Burwell, of Gloucester, who has been at "Grafton," Mr. R. H. Lee, Jr., went to Berryville on Wednesday for Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kouslar, of Gloucester, are spending the week at "Mount Airy."

Mr. Hugh M. Nelson, Jr., left on Friday for Wickliffe to spend Easter with his friend, Mr. Wilbur Osborne.

The scholars at the Clay Hill Academy have returned to their homes or gone to visit friends for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Mayo expect to leave Potomac for Richmond about this time.

Mr. George I. Tucker, after spending several months in Baltimore, has returned to her home near Boyce, of Winchester, conducted service and preached at Christ Episcopal church in Millwood on Good Friday, and is to do so again on Easter Sunday.

ASHLAND AFFAIRS

ASHLAND, Va., April 15.—Mr. Allan

Mauri has purchased the residence on West Clay Street formerly owned by Dr. Canter, adjoining Mrs. M. M. Baldwin, and will occupy it next October.

Mrs. Morgan Shepherd, of Ashland, will leave here next Monday for a visit of a month to Old Point.

The young men of Ashland have arranged for a German to be held in the assembly hall of the new school building Monday night, April 16th.

The Henry Clay Inn opened yesterday under favorable conditions. Mr. J. A. Burgess, of Charlottesville, is manager, and thirty-six guests were registered the first day. The house has been closed for the last four months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cox have returned to Ashland from their bridal trip to Cuba.

Mrs. John R. Taylor, of Hanover, spent the day in Ashland Friday.

Mrs. Keith Taylor visited Ashland this week.

Services in the St. James Episcopal Church were held Good Friday afternoon by Dr. Forsythe, of Richmond.

Mrs. James Hootnagle and family will spend the week in North Carolina.

Mrs. I. N. Vaughan and family have returned to occupy their summer home, Passadena, near Ashland.

Miss Marie Mfines, of Richmond, is a guest of Miss Carrie Mfines.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson and children and Miss Cousins, of Beaver Dam, are visiting Mr. W. B. Walton.

Miss Marjorie Aylor, of Charlottesville, has been selected as housekeeper at the Henry Clay Inn.

Mr. Melton will assist Mr. Seaman at the St. James Church, in Ashland, beginning next Sunday.

Mr. William Henry Langston will lecture in the assembly hall of the new school house next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

SHORT PUMP NEWS

Miss Marie DuVal and Mrs. L. A. Sneed, of Staunton, are visiting guests at Erin Shades, Va., on Wednesday.

Mrs. T. B. Jackson, of Broad Street, left for Washington with her sister-in-law, Mrs. B. B. Leake, of Johnson's Store.

Miss Minnie Frayer, of Erin Shades, is spending the week at Erin Shades, Va., on Wednesday.

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THE PRESBYTERY OF ROANOKE

The Spring Meeting Held Near

Barksdale, in Halifax.

DR. ENGLISH THE MODERATOR

Proposed Change in the Form of

Government in Regard to

Commissions Approved.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SAXE, VA., April 15.—This body met to hold its stated spring sessions on Tuesday, the 10th, at 8 P. M., in the Mercantile Presbyterian Church, near Barksdale's Depot, Halifax county. There were present thirteen ministers and seventeen ruling elders. Rev. Dr. T. R. English, one of the professors in Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, was chosen moderator, and Ruling Elders T. A. Watkins and D. W. Owen, the former of the Chatham church and the latter of the Spring Hill church, at Black Walnut, were made temporary clerks. The weather was fine and the attendance of the people good. We had three choice sermons—the first, the opening sermon, by Rev. Dr. W. R. Laird, of Danville, at the request of the retiring moderator, Mr. F. L. Walker, of the Danville First Presbyterian Church, who, being a ruling elder, could not perform that service. Mr. Walker, however, presided through the opening services till his successor, Rev. Dr. English, was chosen, under whose skillful guidance business moved along with order and ease. The sermons were by Dr. English and Rev. B. F. McIndoe, pastor of our two Lumburg churches.

The Presbytery had the satisfaction of receiving into its membership Rev. R. L. McNair, pastor-elect of the Charlotte Courthouse and Drake's Branch, who, Mr. McNair came to this charge from Maryland. We were all much pleased with the new member.

The following action was taken by the Maryland Presbytery with reference to the departure of Mr. McNair.

"This Presbytery, in dismissing Rev. R. L. McNair, do hereby express its regret and sorrow in parting with him, and its sense of his loss in his withdrawal from its membership. His high character as a Christian man and minister has deeply impressed all his fellow-laborers in the past, and his labors in the field, where he was pastor-elect, cannot be forgotten by the Presbytery, or the people under his pastorate."

Mr. McNair is to be installed as pastor at the Courthouse, and at Drake's Branch the same day. The Committee of Installation consists of Dr. L. B. Johnston, and Ruling Elders R. V. Gaines and C. Carrington. It was at first proposed that the charges to the pastor should be delivered by the ruling elder members of the committee, but, upon reflection, it was found that this was an innovation on past usage, and was abandoned.

An elaborate program was adopted. The Presbytery is to meet on Friday evening, July 27th, and the exercises to be continued, interspersed with Presbyterial business sessions, till the following Friday. It is proposed to enlist the ruling elders and deacons of the neighborhood to unite, and to gain a large attendance of them. In the Sunday school exercises all denominations of the neighborhood propose to unite, and a great gathering is expected to take place.

Much interest was manifested in the matter of ministerial relief, and in the prosecution of the scheme of raising an endowment fund for this object, viz., the providing of more adequate means of supplying the needs of superannuated ministers and widows of the clergy.

Ministerial relief was a prominent feature of the session. A gentleman in Acadia has offered to give \$100,000, provided that within three years the rest of the church raise \$100,000. Nearly \$50,000 of this amount is already secured. The Presbytery is urged to exert its influence to raise its share by apportioning \$1,000 among its churches at the rate of 10 per cent. on amounts of their ministers' salaries.

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It is proposed to issue a revised edition of the Manual of the Presbytery, the last edition having been printed in 1884. The revised copy was reported and approved, and an edition of 500 copies was ordered.

The commissioners appointed to represent the Presbytery in the General Assembly that is to meet at Greenville, S. C., on the 3rd Thursday of May, are Rev. W. R. Laird, D. D., of Danville, and Ruling Elder Henry Enslay, of South Boston; their alternate being Rev. A. J. Ponton, of the West Pittsylvania field, in the bounds of which are the Harp Creek, Neal and Matthews Memorial churches; Rev. B. F. Bedinger, of Lumburg, and Ruling Elder R. F. D. Gaines, of the Drake Branch church, Mossingford, Va., Doctores.

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The usual attention was given to all the subordinate agencies employed in carrying out the work of the Presbytery, and showed some advance. The gifts to foreign missions for the past year showed a large falling-off, but this is to be accounted for by the fact that last year's report included the special enthusiastic effort for the Sunday-schools, which, in the case of the Lumburg churches, the Samuel N. Lapsley, the "New Lapsley" is now being put together at Leopoldville, just below "Stanley Pool," on the great Congo, and within a few weeks will be plying on that river and the Kasai, in the service of the mission. The cost of construction was about \$25,000, at Glasgow, Scotland. The cost in addition in various ways, especially in taking the boat apart, boxing and shipping by sea to the mouth of the Congo, and by rail thence to Leopoldville, and the outfitting, has been very heavy, more than exhausting the \$25,000 contributed by the Sunday schools, and leaving a heavy deficit, which the Sunday schools are now asked to make up at the approaching Foreign Mission Sunday School Day.

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Mercy Seat Church, where the Presbytery met, is one of four in charge of Rev. Thornton S. Wilson, who was ordained and installed here 25 years ago.

The people of the people were as usual plentiful and most hearty, and were heartily enjoyed by the members of the Presbytery. It was an exceedingly pleasant meeting all round.

EASTER BALL.

Brilliant Gathering in Masonic Hall at Frederick's Hall.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICK'S HALL, VA., April 15.—An Easter ball given at the Masonic Hall here Friday evening by the young men of the surrounding communities, was largely attended, and guests from Charlottesville to Richmond.

Dancing commenced promptly at 8 o'clock; a substantial repast and refreshment were served. The dancing continued until the gray streaks in the east announced the approach of dawn, when the throng broke up. Helpless wended their several ways homeward, with pleasant memories of a well-spent evening.

Among those present were: Misses Ina Gladys Crank, Belle and Bessie Garrett, Edna Whitworth, Grace Crank, of Vicksburg, and Sadie J. Hardenberg, of Alys Hood, Sadie Taylor, of the Holliday Hotel, and Agnes Segar, of Lewiston; Misses McCue, Zollinger and Kenn, of Louisa, Va.; Jennie Harris, Belle and Annie Pratt, of the Holliday Hotel, and Myrtle Atkinson, of Daley Vaughan, of Louisa, Va.; Margaret Selzer, Dr. Edmund, of the Holliday Hotel, and John V. Walker, of John V. Hardenbergh, and Lewis Goodwin, of Richmond; Zack Swift, R. A. Trice, R. B. Harris, of the Holliday Hotel, and John V. Walker, of John V. Hardenbergh, and Lewis Goodwin, of Richmond.

The committee thereupon was left to distribute the work of the two installations among themselves that the charges to the pastors would be delivered by the ministers of the committee.

The installation is to take place on the first Sunday of May, in the morning at Drake's Branch, in the evening at the Courthouse.

The proposed change in the form of government in regard to commissions was approved by the Presbytery.

The Lumburg Presbytery, at the Courthouse and Ebenezer Churches, it was determined to hold the next stated meeting at "Nottoway Falls," and in connection with the meeting to hold extended and elaborate exercises in the way of furthering the school and missions work. An elaborate program was adopted. The Presbytery is to meet on Friday evening, July 27th, and the exercises to be continued, interspersed with Presbyterial business sessions, till the following Friday. It is proposed to enlist the ruling elders and deacons of the neighborhood to unite, and to gain a large attendance of them. In the Sunday school exercises all denominations of the neighborhood propose to unite, and a great gathering is expected to take place.

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